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■ While employment in manufacturing, construction and communications has stagnated or slumped, Utah's high-tech services sector posted a 16 percent increase in new jobs since last year. That amounts to 4,800 additional jobs from May 2000 to May 2001, an increase in the computer services sector at 2 times the national rate, according to the Utah Division of Workforce Services. Gov. Mike Leavitt, who is leading the state's effort to bring in more high-tech industries, said the job growth in high-tech services is "the piece that keeps us on a positive track and shows the vibrance in our efforts in technology."

■ People selling Olympic tickets on the street or hawking T-shirts or pins will need a \$130 "solicitor's license" during the 2002 Winter

UVSC Considers Medical School Idea

OREM, Utah (AP) – Utah Valley State College is considering a partnership with a private company to build an osteopathic medical school on campus.

Administrators say the plans are preliminary, but they have asked for a feasibility study from the Intermountain College of Osteopathic Medicine, the corporation that approached UVSC with the idea.

"It was intriguing," said UVSC President Kerry D. Romesburg. "I thought they were kidding at first. I

mean, a school of medicine? Then I did some checking into it."

Alan Rockwood, chairman of the corporation's board, said the report is nearly complete. He said \$10 million to \$15 million would be needed to start the school, which the board hopes to open in 2003. No money has yet been raised, he said.

"We want to have an institution that wouldn't break the state's budget," Rockwood said. "The school would not be subsidized by the state. It would be a self-sustaining part of a state institution."

The school's operation, as envisioned by Rockwood, would be funded by donations and tuition, which could be as much as \$25,000 a semester per student.

Osteopathic physicians have four years of undergraduate work and four more years of medical education. That is followed by a one-year internship in such areas as internal medicine, obstetrics-gynecology and surgery. Two to six years of residency training is required for specialized fields.

D.O.s must pass national and state licensing examinations before prescribing medications and performing surgery.

Doctors of osteopathy make up 6 percent of the country's physician population.

The philosophy centers on the musculoskeletal system, made up of bones, muscles and nerves.

Osteopathic physicians also are trained to use "manipulative medicine," similar to techniques used by chiropractors, to treat and diagnose patients.

Rockwood and Dr. Warren Petersen, a dermatologist at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, say there is a pressing need for primary-care physicians in Utah, particularly in remote areas.

"Many of our (Utah) students are going to Iowa and California to get their education," Petersen said. "If they are trained here, they would be more prone to stay here."

Non-Gambling Casino Headed To Saltair Resort

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – A businessman plans to move a non-gambling casino to the Saltair Resort less than two months after opening the business in Murray.

Club Pair-A-Dice opened in April, but owner John Boender closed the